PROTOCOLS MANUAL

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
ON
POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
BETWEEN
THE COMMANDER, THIRTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT
AND
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

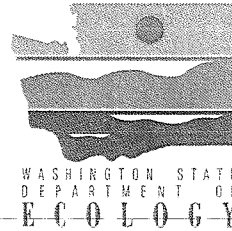June 26, 2007

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Introduction to Protocols Manual

The following protocols are designed to implement and guide operations under the 2007 Memorandum of Agreement on Pollution Prevention and Response between the Thirteenth U.S. Coast Guard District and the state of Washington.

The overarching purpose of the protocols is to maximize the combined oil spill prevention, preparedness, and response efforts of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District and the Washington Department of Ecology by reducing duplication of effort, more effectively using resources, and improving communication, coordination, and collaboration.

The protocols cover 12 work areas common to both agencies' authority and responsibilities regarding prevention, preparedness and response to oil and hazardous substance spills. The protocols represent the current limits of federal and state authority, or ability to jointly address these activities.

The protocols provide procedures for the agencies to coordinate pollution prevention, preparedness and response operations. These formalized working relationships will complement the accomplishment of the joint strategic work plan. As authorities are modified and enhanced, the protocols will be amended accordingly.

We strongly encourage U.S. Coast Guard and Ecology staff to maintain close contact with their counterparts in both agencies, and resolve issues at the lowest possible level consistent with the spirit and intent of the Memorandum of Agreement and these protocols. Please direct questions and suggestions to the points of contact identified in each protocol.

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ACRONYMS

ANA	=	Advance Notice of Arrival (Vessels)
CCGD13	=	Commander, Coast Guard District Thirteen
CERCLA	=	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act (US)
CFR	=	Code of Federal Regulations
COTP	=	Captain of the Port (USCG)
D13	=	District Thirteen (USCG)
DOT	=	US Department of Transportation
ECY	=	Washington State Department of Ecology
ECOPRO	=	Exceptional Compliance Program for Tank Vessels (ECY)
EMD	=	Washington State Emergency Management Division
EPA	=	US Environmental Protection Agency
FOG	=	Field Operations Guide
FOIA	=	Freedom of Information Act (US)
FOSC	=	Federal On-Scene Coordinator
HQ	=	Headquarters
ICS	=	Incident Command System
JIC	=	Joint Information Center
MARPOL	=	International Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MIS	=	Marine Information System (ECY)
MISLE	=	Marine Information Safety & Law Enforcement System (USCG)
MMS	=	US Minerals Management Service
MOA	=	Memorandum of Agreement
NCP	=	National Contingency Plan
NPREP	=	National Preparedness and Response Exercise Program (USCG)
NRDA	=	Natural Resources Damage Assessment
NWAC/P	=	Northwest Area Committee/Contingency Plan
OPA 90	=	Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (US)
PIO	=	Public Information Officer
POC	=	Point of Contact
POLREP	=	Pollution Report (USCG)
PSIX	=	Port State Information Exchange (USCG)
RCRA	=	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (US)
RCW	=	Revised Code of Washington
RRT	=	Regional Response Team
SANS	=	Ship Arrival Notification System
SIO	=	Senior Investigating Officer (MSO)
SOLAS	=	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea
SOSC	=	State On-Scene Coordinator
STCW	=	International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification & Watchkeeping for Seafarers
US	=	United States of America
USC	=	United States Code
USCG	=	United States Coast Guard
VBAP	=	Voluntary Best Achievable Protection Program for Tank Vessels (ECY)
VTS	=	Vessel Traffic Service
WAC	=	Washington Administrative Code
WDOE	=	Washington Department of Ecology